ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The object of the present invention is to
provide an index imparting system which is capable
of avoiding reconditioning work, automatically
generating accurate metadata, and automatically
imparting information relevant to a program. The
index imparting system is provided with: a control
signal detecting section to identify a type of each
control signal and an identifier for uniquely
specifying each control signal following the
detection of various kinds of control signals and
obtain time of the detection; a control signal
attribute information managing section to manage the
identifier of a control signal and attribute
information relevant thereto in a tied manner
beforehand and then identify the attribute
information on the basis of an identifier obtained
at the control signal detecting section; and an
index generating section to generate metadata
following the acquisition of a type, an identifier,
and time identified at the control signal detecting
section and, in the meantime, impart the attribute
information obtained by the request from the control
signal attribute information managing section to the
metadata.